

Consideration of the dedication of the Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve, Allen County

The proposed Nature Preserve is an 84.98-acre property located 3 miles northeast of Huntertown, Allen County.

The nature preserve is being dedicated in honor of Tom and Jane Dustin, eminent conservationists who were members of the inaugural class of the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame. They were leaders who helped with the creation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and a number of important pieces of Indiana conservation legislation. They were also founding members of the ACRES Land Trust, Indiana's first land trust.

The proposed nature preserve consists primarily of high quality forest land (upland, ravine and floodplain) on the steep bluffs along the north bank of Cedar Creek. It also includes some buffer lands that were formerly farmed. Cedar Creek is a State Natural, Scenic and Recreational River, one of only three such designated rivers in Indiana. This Nature Preserve is part of a 1,000 acre conservation area along Cedar Creek.

This tract is owned and managed by Acres Land Trust. Funds from the Indiana Heritage Trust (IHT) were utilized in the acquisition of this area.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A (map).

AGENDA ITEM #7

Nature Preserves Exhibit A
Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve
County: Allen

USGS Quad: Cedarville

Size: 85 Acres

Ownership: Acres Land Trust

